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SUBJECT: NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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1. THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OTHER PARTY AD HOC COMMITTEE ANNOUNCED AGREEMENT NOVEMBER 29 ON EIGHT OF THE 17 NDP PROPOSED LAW BILLS AND ON TEXT JOINT REFORM RECOMMENDATION BILL. ASSEMBLY IS PROCEEDING ACCORDING TO SCENARIO OF NOVEMBER 20 COMPROMISE AGREEMENT (REF A) WITH PLENARY SESSIONS NOVEMBER 30--DECEMBER 2 TO VOTE ON GOVERNMENT AND NDP BILLS, JOINT REFORM BILL AND 1974 BUDGET.

2. NOVEMBER 30 SESSION PASSED 12 GOVERNMENT SPONSORED BILLS INCLUDING NATIONAL INVESTMENT FUND FOR HEAVY AND CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES AND NATIONAL WELFARE PENSION FUND. GOVERNMENT WILL NOW PAY ONE PERCENT AND INDIVIDUAL TWO PERCENT OF PENSION SUBSCRIPTION

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MONTH.

3. ASSEMBLY IS SCHEDULED TO VOTE DECEMBER 1 ON
NDP SPONSORED LAW AMENDMENTS. MAIN POINT
AGREED UPON BY AD HOC COMMITTEE ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. CRIMINAL PROCEDURES LAW: NDP FAILED IN
ATTEMPT TO RESTORE HABEAS CORPUS BUT GAINED MORE
STRICT REQUIREMENTS FOR ARREST WITHOUT WARRANT
AND EXTENDED ELIGIBILITY FOR BAIL.

B. NATIONAL ASSEMBLY LAW: THE NUMBER OF
SPEAKERS PER NEGOTIATING GROUP HAS BEEN INCREASED
FROM TWO TO THREE AND THE TIME LIMIT PER SPEAKER
EXTENDED FROM 30 TO 45 MINUTES. A CHANGE IN
AGENDA WILL REQUIRE 20 MEMBERS RATHER THN 30,
AND 30 MEMBERS WILL BE ABLE TO PROPOSE BUDGETARY
BILLS RATHER THAN THE 50 NOW REQUIRED.

C. LAW GOVERNING DEMONSTRATIONS AND ASSEMBLY:
SPEAKERS WILL NOT BE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT
SUMMARIES OF SPEECHES IN ADVANCE AND PERMISSION
FOR MEETINGS WILL BE REQUIRED 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE
RATHER THAN PRESENT 72 HOURS.
OTHER AMENDMENTS INCLUDE REQUIREMENTS THAT
GOVERNMENT: OBTAIN PARLIAMENTARY CONSENT
FOR FOREIGN PUBLIC LOANS; REPORT USE OF IMPORTED
FOREIGN CAPITAL; AND REPORT GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL
CONDITION TO ASSEMBLY MORE THAN TWICE A YEAR.

4. MAIN POINTS IN JOINT REFORM RESOLUTION BILL
ARE THE SAME AS REPORTED EARLIER BY NDP SOURCE
(REF B). ACTUAL WORDING OF RESOLUTION,
IS GENERAL, BUT CONTAINED FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS:

A. ELIMINATION OF "INCONSISTENCIES" IN GOVERNMENT.

B. DEVELOPMENT OF DEMOCRATIC NATION DEMOCRATIC
NATIONAL SSEMBLY AND FREE PRESS.

C. UNDER GUARANTEE OF FREEDOM OF LEARNING STUDENTS
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SHOULD RETURN TO SCHOOLS.

D. TRUTH OF RECENT INCIDENT (KIM TAE-CHUNG)
SHOULD BE MADE KNOWN.

E. ELIMINATION OF CORRUPTION.
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